



[OMB Control No. 2900-0843]

Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: VHA Homeless Programs - Project CHALENG (Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups) for Veterans

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0843."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

Title: VHA Homeless Programs - Project CHALENG (Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups) for Veterans, VA Forms 10-10161 and 10-10162.

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Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched Project CHALENG (Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups) for Veterans in 1993 in response to Public Law 102-405, which required VA to make an assessment of the needs of homeless Veterans in coordination with other Federal departments, state and local government agencies, and nongovernmental agencies with experience working with homeless persons. Since 1993, VA has administered a needs assessment in accordance with guidance in Public Law 103-446 and Public Law 105-114. Legal authority for this data collection is found under 38 USC, Part I, Chapter 5, Section 527 that authorizes the collection of data that will allow measurement and evaluation of the Department of Veterans Affairs Programs, the goal of which is improved health care for Veterans.

This collection of information is necessary to ensure that VA and community partners are developing services that are responsive to the needs of local homeless Veterans, in order to end homelessness and prevent new Veterans from experiencing homelessness. Over the years, data from CHALENG has assisted VA in developing new services for Veterans, such as the Homeless Veteran Dental Program (HVDP), the expansion of the Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program, the Veterans Justice Programs and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). In addition, community organizations use CHALENG data in grant applications to support services for homeless Veterans. These grant applications are for VA and

other Federal, local government, and community foundation dollars, which maximize community participation in serving homeless Veterans.

This collection will be an update of a collection approved in 2018. Revisions to the collection were made based on input provided by VA staff members to reduce the number of questions in the surveys. The collection consists of two forms/surveys: one for Veterans (VA Form 10-10161) and one for VA staff members, community homeless providers, and interested community members (VA Form 10-10162). The only difference between the two forms/surveys are the introductory demographic questions; the survey is the same for both groups.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The ***Federal Register*** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 86 FR 125 on July 02, 2021, pages 35380 and 35381.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: Total = 480 hours.

Veteran Survey (VA Form 10-10161): 300 hours.

Provider Survey (VA Form 10-10162): 180 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

Veteran Survey: 6 minutes.

Provider Survey: 6 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,800 total.

Veteran Survey: 3,000.

Provider Survey: 1,800.

By direction of the Secretary.

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